

## **Amendments to the Claim:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 & 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (new) A method of forming a concrete block adapted for retaining wall from raw concrete mixes with the block structure having a natural rock or stone looking face surface, bottom surface, end surfaces and side surfaces with one (1) of the said side surfaces having a lip for off-setting said block. Said method utilizing a moveable planar base support, a mold box with an open top and bottom, opposed longitudinal side panels, opposed lateral side panels and a reciprocating top shoe for reciprocatory in an up and down motion to engage the raw concrete mix so as to stamp or impress the top of said block with a rock like surface and as a means to charge said mold with raw concrete mix materials and discharge formed said block, said method being characterized in that:

- (a) said moveable planar base is either a wood or metal pallet or plate arranged to travel along a conveyor in a generally horizontal axis of motion and to support said mold box, said moveable planar base creates the bottom of said block;

- (b) said charging means infusing said raw concrete mix materials into said mold box;
- (c) wherein said opposed longitudinal and opposed lateral side panels create cavities within said mold, each cavity equating to one (1) each of said block;
- (d) wherein said opposed longitudinal side panels configure to form the side surfaces of said block and said lateral opposed side panels configure to form end surfaces of said block;
- (e) said top shoe being reciprocally introduced and removed from said cavities of said mold along a vertical axis perpendicular to said mold creates the top face surface of said block;
- (f) wherein said top shoe creates the irregular shape of natural rock or stone on the face surface of said block within each cavity;
  - (1) said top shoe is of cast or machined metals with a concave surface in the irregular shape of natural rock or stone;
  - (2) said top shoe fitted with a device on the opposite side of the concave surface to heat said top shoe to a temperature sufficient to prevent said

raw concrete mix materials from  
sticking to said top shoe;

(g) wherein one (1) of said opposed  
longitudinal side panels of each cavity has  
a groove creating a recess under said  
longitudinal side panel for creating said lip.

(1) said groove is  $\frac{1}{2}$ " deep and  $\frac{3}{4}$ " high  
from the point of contact with said  
moveable planar base support, said  
groove extending the length of said  
longitudinal side panel to a point 1"  
from where said longitudinal side  
panel and said lateral side panels  
meet;

(2) said groove is angled downward  
from the upper most height of  $\frac{3}{4}$ " on  
the inside of said recess to  $\frac{1}{2}$ " high  
on the outside of said recess;